

## Allison Silverman

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### **EDUCATION**

**Vermont Law School**, South Royalton, VT

Juris Doctor and Master in Environmental Law and Policy Candidate, May 2012

- *Dean's Scholar*, 2009-Present
- *USAID US-China Student Collaborative Research Fellow*: Research collaboration with a Chinese law student on U.S.-China comparison of renewable energy policies and the promotion of green jobs
- *Schweitzer Public Service Fellow*: Self-designed project to promote energy efficiency, to encourage local partnerships and to build community health by partnering with local certified energy auditors and Efficiency Vermont to initiate home energy audits and weatherization improvements in the VLS community.
- *Moot Court Advisory Board Member*: Spring 2011-Present

**Brown University**, Providence, RI

A.B. in Environmental Studies awarded June 2005

- Honors thesis: "An Investigation into Campus Farming to Develop the Urban Agriculture Plan for Brown University"

**School for International Training**, Panama, Central America; Spring 2004

- Studied conservation & development issues and participated in an intensive Spanish program

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Environmental Integrity Project**, Washington, D.C.

*Summer Law Clerk*, June 2011-August 2011

- Conduct legal research and write memoranda
- Participate in writing and editing project publications

**Institute for Energy and the Environment**, Vermont Law School

*Research Associate*, June 2010-present

- Research, write and collaborate on contemporary energy law and policy issues, including an energy efficiency campaign; energy efficiency workforce training; transportation and community planning; research into alternative dispute resolution and wind farm siting; and an evaluation of electric coops

**Professor Gus Speth**, Vermont Law School

*Research Assistant for New Economy Network*, Summer 2010-present

- Create a series of working groups to further promote ideas of sustainability: new indicator measurements, moving beyond consumerism, strategizing value change. Identify key people in each area, build websites to launch groups and organize various stakeholders.

*Teaching Assistant for American Environmentalism*, Fall 2010

- Evaluate student papers, organize review sessions and respond to student inquiries

**Natural Resources Defense Council**, New York, NY; October 2006-July 2009

*BioGem Campaign Coordinator*, July 2007-July 2009

- Managed and planned a "BioGem" campaign to promote renewable energy and efficiency measures and to fight massive hydroelectric dams on the major rivers in Chilean Patagonia
- Primary contact in the US and at NRDC for collaborating with Chilean and international partners
- Coordinated and disseminated a significant multi-stakeholder energy study to review energy alternatives and long-term energy policy for Chile; worked with Chilean Universities and NGOs in addition to US energy experts; developed a follow-up "wedges" energy study to identify clean-tech projects and efficiency measures that could displace the mega-dams
- Member of: NY Program Committee, Latino Task Force and Eco-Committee
- Liaison/Coordinator: NYU Law Clinic, 2008: Organized the schedule, guest speakers and readings; audited the Clinic (Spring semester, 2008)

*Policy Fellow in Health & Environment Program and International Program*, Fall 2006-Fall 2007

- Promoted a new "Integrated Pest Management" certification program with the IPM Institute of America, a national non-profit organization
- Promoted office-wide policies to reduce carbon emissions, making all NRDC offices "carbon neutral"

**Fulbright Scholar**, Panamá, Republic of Panamá; Fall 2005-2006

- Researched the feasibility and perception of solar energy as a form of sustainable development
- Coordinated and implemented a solar pilot project in a rural community consisting of 380 residents, which resulted in the installation of solar panels in the community school and the implementation of a community rental system to maintain and upkeep the system

- Engaged in fundraising and community-organizing; wrote process and maintenance manual, "community constitution," press releases and grant applications; gave presentations and papers to international groups including the US Embassy, the Peace Corps, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club; collaborated with Panamanian Government institutions such as the Ministry of the Environment and the National Environmental Authority, as well as local Panamanian NGOs

**Natural Resources Defense Council**, Washington, DC

*Everett Public Service Internship: Research Assistant, Health Department, Summer 2005*

- Researched marine mammal contamination, intercontinental air pollution, and mercury issues

**SCG Foundation**, New York, NY

*Assistant to the Executive Director, Summer 2004*

- Reviewed grant proposals and participated in site visits for a private foundation whose main foci include the environment, health and social services, the elderly and education

**Ittleson Foundation**, New York, NY

*Winter Intern, Winter 2004*

- Reviewed grant proposals for a private foundation whose main foci include the environment, mental health and AIDS

**Brown University**, Providence, RI

*Student Recycling Coordinator, 2002-2005*

- Collaborated with Brown's Maintenance Team to improve on-campus recycling and sustainability

**AmeriCorps/Student Conservation Association**, Lame Deer, MT

*Fire Education Corps - Vegetation & Fuels Reduction Specialist, Summer 2002*

- Provided fire education to homeowners on the Northern Cheyenne Native American reservation by canvassing 400+ homes and offering fire safety lessons to children
- Wrote a place-based manual for homeowners identifying "fire-tolerant" species to protect houses

**New York League of Conservation Voters**, New York, NY

*Hazeltine Public Service Internship: Intern, Summer 2003*

- Researched and interviewed incumbent and challenger political candidates for elected office

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE**

**Campus Greening Committee**, Student Co-Chair, 2009-Present

- Facilitate meetings with staff, faculty and students and coordinate with all committee heads
- Chair for Recycling and Compost committees

**Dartmouth Energy Collaborative**, Advocacy/Service coordinator, 2009-Present

- Co-founded and designed the "Bikes & Blenders" project to fundraise for local energy audits
- Discuss energy issues from legal, business and engineering perspective

**Environmental Law Society** (Executive Board, Advocacy Club, Outdoor Club), member 2009-Present

**Brown Environmental Action Network (BEAN)**, Co-president/Coordinator, 2001-2005

- Organized successful recycling, climate change, and corporate finance campaigns

**Outdoor Leadership Environmental Education Program (OLEEP)**, Co-Coordinator, 2001-2005

- Facilitated, fund-raised, and coordinated leadership and mentoring program for inner city high school students; planned outdoor trips related to environmental science, justice, and wilderness skills

**Brown Outdoor Leadership Training (BOLT)**, Leader, Spring 2003-2004

- Acquired Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and Diversity training; led college-aged students in the White Mountains, NH; and, planned year-long program to develop a comprehensive leadership forum

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Coaching/Teaching, 1998-2009
  - Coached runners and triathletes ages six through adult in New York and Panama
- Spanish Interpreter/Counselor, Planned Parenthood of RI, Providence, RI, 2002-2003
- Director/Coordinator, Race for Health Charity 10k run at Brown University, 2002-2005
- Volunteer, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Providence, RI, 2001-2003
- Assistant Photo Editor, Brown Daily Herald, Brown University, 2001-2002

**SKILLS/INTERESTS/OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Language skills: Fluent in Spanish
- Computer skills: LexisNexis and Westlaw, Microsoft Applications, basic GIS, Google applications
- Avid endurance athlete: Ironman Triathlete; 70.3 Nationals Qualifier; Asphalt Green Triathlon Club, 2008-09, age group finisher at every race; Panama Triathlon Team, 2005/2006